Wednesday, the *21st March 1945*
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The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag K.C.I.E., C.S.I.) in the Chair.

Messrs. H. J. Walmesley, A. T. Kunhipalu, T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad and Joseph Pettah were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RATIONING OF CLOTH

319. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea of rationing cloth ;
(*b*) if so, the number of yards going to be fixed for each individual;
(*c*) will the number of yards going to be fixed include handloom cloths also ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) There is no idea of rationing cloth at present.
(*b*) Does not arise in view of (*a*).
(*c*) Does not arise in view of (*a*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know whether the Government are aware that there is scarcity of cloth?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Government are aware that there is scarcity of cloth.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women-Ernakulam):* Are the Government aware that only 2 yards are given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* Governmet are aware that there is scarcity and they are taking definite steps to improve the situation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What are those definite steps?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* We have addressed the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, the quota allotted to the State is very meagre and insufficient and our request has been supported also by the Madras Provincial Commissioner and we expect that results would follow soon. The Director of Industries and Commerce had been to Madras and he had discussions on this subject.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Ernakulam-Women):* May I know the number of yards that has been alloted to the Cochin State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* It is ten yards per head. But we have not got the full quantity.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the quota allotted to British India?

Rama Varmha Tampurun, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government) :* It varies from Province to Province as the Hon'ble Member would have noted it from the papers.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when the representations for increased quota were made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* About two months ago.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are we getting the full quota of ten yards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* No, we are not getting the full quota yet. We got only 89 bales in one month. That is very very meagre.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know what is the reason for our not getting the full quota?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: The Sitharam has been asked to give us their production. It seems their production is not up to the mark. There is no specific reason. Nobody is standing against our quota being received, but it is due to administrative difficulties.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: How is the quota worked?

Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: The Textiles Commissioner has made arrangements with the Textiles Commissioner to the Government of India so many yards of quota in different provinces.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women-Ernakulam)*: The 10 yards alloted to include hand-loom also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. It included everything.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether we pass orders direct to textile manufacturers or through other sources?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: The wholesalers are allowed to contact directly with the mills allotted and they receive the quota. The idea is as far as possible our requirements should be confined to the mills either in the State or very near the State.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether the whole stock of Sitharam Mills is not given to us?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: For one thing, they are not manufacturing the cloth that is required here. Another thing is that their output is not the maximum.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Have the Sitharam Mills been instructed to supply us?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I think recently they have instructions to supply us.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are we really getting it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: We are getting it.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talapalli)*: Is there rationing of cloth in British India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I read in the papers that in Bombay they have introduced it.

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE—"STATES" RAILWAYS AND PRIORITIES CONTROL"

320. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) whether they have noted the news item "States' Railways and Priorities Control" "Direct relations to be established" reported by Associated Press of India under dated 19th January 1945 on column 2 of page 5 in the "Hindu" dated 21st January 1945;

(*b*) whether they contemplate to appoint an officer for working out the Railway Priority question in our State Railway System;

(*c*) if so, whether they will be pleased to do it at once in the interest of arecanut growers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) } The Resident for the Madras States has been addressed to find out the exact details
(*c*) } of the arrangements reported by the Associated Press of India.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS—POSTING OF

321. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

whether the three years rule of continuous maximum posting of officers at one and the same station in the executive departments is strictly adhered to?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

There is no rule prohibiting the posting of executive officers for more than three years in the same station.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether there is a practice like that?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

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